

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiko IIJIMA et al.

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: August 28, 2006

Docket No.: 129231

For: FUEL CELL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

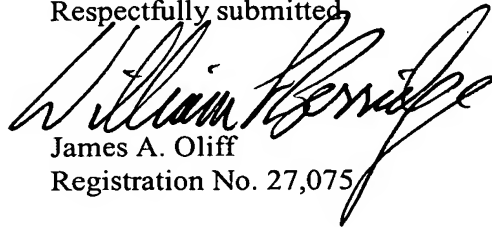
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. See References 1-4 & 6-8.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 8-12.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 8-9 & 11-12.

- ☒ 6. One or more co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on the attached Form PTO 1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application. See Reference 5.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

William P. Berridge
Registration No. 30,024

JAO:WPB/nxy

Date: August 28, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
--

10/590881

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 AUG 2006

Sheet 1 of 1

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 1/06)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 129231		APPLICATION NO. New U.S. Patent Application	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANTS Masahiko IWIMA et al. FILING DATE August 28, 2006			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Date	Name			
	1.	5,171,645	12/15/1992	KHANDKAR			
	2.	6,004,688	12/21/1999	GOODENOUGH et al.			
	3.	2002/0177031 A1	11/28/2002	DOSHI et al.			
	4.	2002/0127456 A1	09/12/2002	PHAM et al.			
	5.	2004/0043277 A1	04/03/2004	CHUO et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Date	Country	With English Abstract	With English Translation	
	6.	EP 1 170 812 A2	01/09/2002	EUROPE			
	7.	DE 198 19 453 A1	11/11/1999	GERMANY			
	8.	JP-A-09-082343	03/28/1997	JAPAN	X	X	
	9.	JP-A-2003-263996	09/19/2003	JAPAN	X	X	
	10.	JP-A-04-345762	12/01/1992	JAPAN	X		
	11.	JP-A-11-016283	01/22/1999	JAPAN	X	X	
	12.	JP-A-05-299105	11/12/1993	JAPAN	X	X	
OTHER DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)					
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: August 28, 2006